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Mr. Walt W. Rostow
Counselor and Chairman of
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Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Walt:

Thank you for letting me have a chance to see your compilation of planning tasks. Ray Cline has been keeping me informed in general terms concerning this laudable activity, and I assure you that both the concept of planning and the tasks you have in mind make a great deal of sense to us.

The Secretary's letter proposing systematic planning for crises is obviously of direct concern to the intelligence community. We will keep in close touch with the work of the Policy Planning Council and assist them in any way we can in implementing the Secretary's proposal.

Ray may have some ideas of his own to crank into the development of the planning tasks and the effort at crises anticipation. He will be my principal representative for these matters, bringing in other talent as appropriate. I am sure that he will make available to you the best support we can muster to insure that the intelligence community makes an effective contribution to these important and difficult projects.

Sincerely yours,

John A. McCone Director

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